

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Martin S. Niles, hereby declare that I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter set forth in the enclosed patent application entitled:

BIRD RESISTANT POWER LINE INSULATION.

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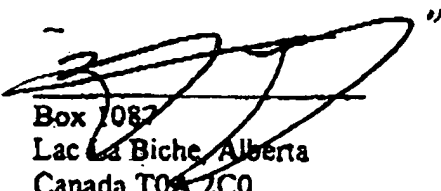
I have reviewed and understand the contents of the referenced Patent Application, including the claims and any amendments, and I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, CFR 1.56(a).

I appoint the following attorney to prosecute this Patent Application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on my behalf, and direct that all correspondence be sent to:

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